

QUEER CAPERS CUT BY SHELLS IN BOMBARDMENT OF VERDUN

One of Them Cut Needed Tunnel and Built a Bridge, Saving Work for French Engineers.

Verdun, France, September 15.—While the shelling of Verdun has done a tremendous amount of damage, yet there is one remarkable incident in which a German bombshell has actually performed a very useful piece of military engineering.

Gen. Dubois, in command of the citadel, pointed out to the Associated Press this curious freak wrought by a German shell.

"I calculate," said the general, "that that one shell has done for me the hard work of fifty men working steadily for eight days."

The net result of the shell's work was to tear a hole through the rear fortifications, and thus opening the way for a tunnel which was much needed. Besides that, the same shell knocked down two large trees at the end of the tunnel, which fell across the river in such a way that they formed the foundation of a bridge.

After the smoke had cleared away from the wreckage had been inspected, Gen. Dubois concluded that the path of the shell would be turned to useful account. The jagged hole through the fortifications was properly cleared up and cemented, and now it represents the appearance of rather good-looking archway. The trees, lying across the river, were properly anchored at either end, and a solid upper structure with ornamental side railings was constructed. Then a narrow-gauge railway was run from the citadel through the shell hole, and over this bridge lying on the blown-up trees, so that a direct railway connection was established between the citadel and the rear. This railway performs a very useful service, and the whole thing is the outcome of the big German shell which fell just back of the citadel.

Signs of Hasty Flight.

Going along the streets of Verdun, one sees at every hand signs of the terror which spread over the poor village when the bombardment drove them away. The Rue St. Pierre and the Rue Belle Vierge showed long lines of small shops and middle-class houses which had been so hastily deserted that many of the belongings had been left behind. A barber shop had been left with a lot of the perfumery bottles still standing in front of the empty chairs. A garment shop showed the usual litter of shavings and long benches, as though the men had just gone off work. A piece of a piano was lying on the street, and a house which had its front torn out by a shell, and nearby were piles of rubble and a demolished baby carriage. An upper story, where a shell had torn off the front, showed an artist's atelier, with an easel standing against the wall and the place daubed with paint. Hardly a house or shop was without some such evidence of the domestic tragedy that had been caused.

A rather well known series of paintings of the dancing girls, which have hung for a long time in the military club at Verdun, has escaped the ravages of the bombardment, although everything alongside these paintings is a mass of ruins. The club has had one of its wings torn off by a shell and the entire interior is a state of ruin. Most of the rooms are filled with wreckage, but the dancing girls continue to look down on all this debris, and there is hardly a mark on any one of the pictures. They show a dancer with castanets in hand doing a Spanish dance, another a French ballet dancer, and another a lascivious Egyptian. The pictures are seven or eight feet square, in heavy mahogany frames, which have also escaped the ravages of the bombardment.

Story of Captured Cannon.

At the entrance to the citadel of Verdun there are two old-fashioned cannons captured by the French in one of the struggles of former days. One of the staff officers accompanying the Associated Press on the rounds of the city, pointed out these cannons and said:

"Those remind me of two curious cannons which were captured by the United States Military Academy at West Point, when I was making an official visit there. The cannons were made in France, but as France and the United States had never had a war, it was curious to know how they had come into possession of the United States. It seems that when France was at war with Spain, the cannons were taken by the Spaniards, when Mexico, under the Spanish influence, Spain turned over these French cannons to Mexico. Then, when the United States had a war with Mexico, our American army captured the French cannons. So they have made the rounds of four governments and are now in the hands of the United States."

Defenses Little Damaged.

From a military standpoint, Verdun has come through the ordeal much better than was expected. While the poor inhabitants have suffered greatly in the loss of homes and belongings, yet the military people point out that everything contributing to the military defense of the town is about as good as ever. The citadel in the center of the town, where the last stand was to be made, is untouched except for shell holes in the heavy masonry walls. These are big enough to smash an ordinary dwelling to pieces, but on these massive walls, twenty feet thick, they are only pinpricks which can be repaired.

The bridges, also, have all escaped damage, and bridges from the military standpoint are very important for the ready transfer of troops, supplies and refugees from one side of the Meuse to the other. The main bridge, linking the principal business street, is flanked along the river by stores and houses torn to pieces by shells and tumbling into the river. But the bridge itself does not show a scratch. And so it is with all the other bridges.

It is the same with the "routes," as the military men call them—a general term covering highways leading to the town, railway terminals, tunnels, etc. In the town itself and the nearby suburbs, these "routes" are as good as ever, though further back in the part

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Every Monday hereafter, from noon to midnight, the wives, sweethearts, sisters and feminine friends of Commercial Club members will be accorded all club privileges. Even more, they are to have a club of their very own within the club.

The "ladies' room" on the second floor is being put in shape by a force of carpenters and decorators. It will be in ready keeping with the ivory and gold color scheme.

Popular Vote Given.

This decision to admit the women relatives and friends of members fifty-two times a year was reached by a big majority vote of the governing board, met yesterday. This settles a controversy that has keenly interested the members since the organization of the club.

Under the terms of the "treaty" ratified yesterday by the board and the women will be allowed the use of the dining and supper rooms for luncheon, dinner and after-theater suppers. In fact, they will be given all privileges every Monday from noon until midnight. This victory crowns a determined effort in behalf of women that became particularly active when the Commercial Club was moved from its old quarters on Lafayette Park to its new site on Farragut square.

Conveniences of "Ladies' Room."

The "ladies' room," now being fitted up, will contain private telephones, writing desks supplied with club stationery, special maid services, costly panel mirrors, dressing tables with complete accessories and the innumerable conveniences that appeal to club women.

As a consolation to bashful male members who may become members of the club some time in the dim future, it is announced that even on Mondays the big downstairs grillroom will be held sacred to men. Moreover, there will be private stairway entrances to the living quarters and to the pet haunts of the mere male on other floors of the Commercial Club.

Two Accidentally Injured.

Mrs. Mary Crawford, sixty-five years old, 2416 O street, was taken to George-town University Hospital yesterday afternoon and treated for severe injuries to her hips. She had been hurt by a fall while she was gathering flowers near Holy Rood cemetery.

Richard Tracy, seventeen years old, 381 13th street northeast, was severely injured yesterday afternoon as a result of a collision between his bicycle and the automobile of W. R. Strayer, Alexandria, Va. He was taken to Casualty Hospital.

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Golden Oak Magazine Stand; 4 shelves..... **\$2.00**

Golden Oak Book Shelf; 26 inches wide; with curtain rod; five shelves..... **\$6.50**

Book Shelves; Golden Oak; 5 shelves, with curtain rod; good finish, roomy size..... **\$10.00**

Book Cases; Quarter-sawed Golden Oak; glass door; polished finish..... **\$16.50**

Three-door Book Case; Mahogany-finish; good construction..... **\$30.00**

Book Case, Quarter-sawed Golden Oak, 3-section style, well made, plenty of room and good finish..... **\$34.00**

Fumed Oak Book Rack; combination of two Book Troughs and lower shelf..... **\$6.50**

Book Troughs; dull Mahogany-finish; new design..... **\$11.00**

Reading Tables in Golden Oak or Mahogany-finish, with adjustable book support..... **\$8.50**

Attractive Parlor Tables

Parlor Tables, 16-inch square top; Oak finish..... **\$1.00**

Parlor Tables, 24-inch square top; Oak finish..... **\$2.00**

Parlor Tables, 24-inch square top; Colonial design, Quarter-sawed Golden Oak and Mahogany-finish; nicely polished..... **\$4.50**

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Quarter-sawed Golden Oak or Mahogany-finish Pedestal; turned pillar; polish finish..... **\$3.00**

Electric Portable; Mahogany-finish stem with silk shade..... **\$5.00**

Mahogany-finish Piano Bench; seat lifts up and covers compartment for keeping the sheet music..... **\$10.00**

Special Chairs for Special Uses

Ladies' Desk Chairs, in Golden Oak and Mahogany-finish; with wood seats, nicely polished..... **\$4.00**

Hall Chair, in Golden Oak; carved back; new design..... **\$8.00**

Parlor Chair, Mahogany-finish frame; upholstered seat, covered with Tapestry..... **\$8.00**

Mahogany Corner Chair; rush seat, high arms; Colonial design..... **\$16.00**

Upholstered Stools; covered with Tapestry; Mahogany-finish frame..... **\$2.50**

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Ladies' Mahogany Desk; with inlay line on lid and drawer-front..... **\$13.50**

Ladies' Quarter-sawed Golden Oak or Mahogany-finish Desks; thorough construction..... **\$13.50**

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